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TODAY and TOMORROW

Roosevelt On The Wane

ROOSEVELT has been re-elected for the fourth time to the American Presidency. This is neither a world-shaking nor a world-making event. For, if Roosevelt had not been re-elected, Dewey would have stepped into his shoes; and that would have meant no difference to people outside the United States. The foreign policy projected by Dewey in his electioneering speeches indicated no departure from the aggressive imperialism that has marked Roosevelt's twelve years' occupancy of the Whitehouse.

The fact is: the Republican Party and the Democratic Party may be at variance on many internal questions, but they are at one in seeking to bring the world under American domination. In this, they resemble the political parties in Britain. The Conservatives, the Labourites, and the Liberals may and often do squabble among themselves over their domestic issues, but they always present a united front against Indian Nationalism.

So, to us Asiatics it is a matter of Tweedledum and Tweedledee, this American Presidential election business. The only thing to note about it is the narrow margin of the majority vote in favour of Roosevelt. Evidently, Roosevelt is not so popular with his countrymen as he was four years ago. He then had a thumping majority over his opponent Wendell Wilkie. Is not this decline in Roosevelt's popularity an unmistakable reflection on his conduct of the war? He dragged the Americans into a global war, just to satisfy his vaulting ambition to be a sort of world dictator.

Roosevelt thought Nippon would prove an easy victim, and forced on her humiliations which no self-respecting country could brook. But unfortunately for Roosevelt, and very fortunately for Asia, Nippon has sprung on America and her ally Britain a series of painful surprises. The net result of all this is that though the Americans have been, since the outbreak of the Greater East Asia War, suffering staggering losses in men, ships and planes they are not anywhere near defeating Nippon.

While the Americans are thus faring in the Asiatic fronts, their countrymen in Europe find themselves bogged down in a war of attrition on the western frontiers of Germany. No wonder that in face of such facts, the American electorate has not been this time so enthusiastic about re-electing Roosevelt to the Presidency as it was four years ago.

That is, however, no business of ours. Our business is to destroy British Imperialism and its accomplice the American Imperialism. Churchills and Roosevelts may stay in, or get out, but that is not going to mean one thing or another to our long-suffering India. India will come into her own only when the British power there is destroyed root and branch.

FOE UNIT IN LEYTE AREA WIPED OUT

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NipponAir Arm Continues Devastating Raids On Enemy Dispositions

Manila, Nov. 8 (Domei)—The Nippon forces in the Philippines continued to inflict punishing blows on more than five enemy divisions in the western hilly area of Leyte Island, including Burauen, Dagami and Japalo, preparatory to opening a full-scale counter-attack against the enemy.

The numerically-superior enemy 24th Division, which started operations at Managashas, 12 kilometres west of Carigara, on the northern coast of Leyte, at the beginning of this month and moved westward along the southern shores of Carigara Bay, is now being fiercely attacked by our units in the south-western sector of Carigara Bay. The enemy in this sector has been forced on the defensive and one enemy unit has been wiped out as a result of our operations.

Our air units have been incessantly attacking with devastating effect the airfields at Tacloban, Dulag, San Pablo and Burauen, which the enemy is equipping for large aircraft.

Tokyo, November 8 (Domei)—The Nippon army air force in the Philippines under the command of Lieutenant-General Yasutsugu Tominaga is day and night carrying out devastating attacks against the enemy air force, airfields and other military installations as well as enemy ground troops in close conjunction with the Nippon ground forces, quarters close to the army declared today in reviewing the air battle in the Philippines.

They said that in the Leyte Island sector, our army air force is not only intercepting and attacking enemy aircraft but also continually blasting enemy airfields at Tacloban, Burauen and San Pablo to put them out of commission.

They added that repeated raids were also carried out against the enemy airfield on Morotai Island which is being used as a relay base for enemy aircraft appearing in the Philippines area. They pointed out that in a pre-dawn air raid against the Morotai airbase on November 3, our air force set ablaze the enemy airfield at several points with one particularly large conflagration caused at one point.

They continued that in the Leyte Island sector, the Nippon army air force attacked the Tacloban airfield four times on November 4, causing fire to break out at 18 places and shooting down seven enemy aircraft.

FETES NETAJI

MAMORU SHIGEMITSU

Nineteen Officers And Men Of I.N.A. Receive Awards For Gallantry

Somewhere in Burma, Nov. 9 (Domei)—Nineteen officers and men of the Azad Hind Fauj have received citations for acts of gallantry in the recent central Indo-Burma sector operations in the third instalment of awards, it was announced by the Provisional Government of Azad Hind.

Two officers and one Havildar were cited posthumously. Lieutenant Kundan Singh was posthumously given the Shaheed-e-Bharat for penetrating over a hundred miles into enemy territory with a small party on the mission to demolish a certain bridge on the Bishenpur-Sihar road and successfully carrying out the task under heavy enemy fire. Sub-Officer Hari Singh received the Sher-e-Hind for acts of bravery on four different occasions, including the using of enemy lorries to block a strategic road and driving a lorry full of provisions back to his own unit.

Azad Hind Radio Opened In Tokyo

Tokyo, November, 8 (Domei)—The Indian Independence League branch in Tokyo yesterday started to direct daily news reports to India in the English language over the Nippon Broadcasting Station in Tokyo.

The purpose of the radio broadcast is to give the 400 million people of India the most reliable reports of the day and enlighten them on the true aspects of the current world situation. Appropriate comments will also be broadcast daily. The call signal for this daily broadcast to India is "Azad Hind Radio Tokyo."

Morotai Invaders Badly Mauled During Surprise Nippon Attacks

Manila, Nov. 8 (Domei)—Nippon garrison units on Morotai Island, which have been carrying out intense attacks since the beginning of October, have severed groups of enemy airfields constructed on the enemy-occupied southern coast and utilized by the enemy as relay bases for his Philippines operations.

On Oct. 22 our units surprise-attacked Bilou, situated on the western and of the southern coastline, wiping out 200 enemy troops. Following this attack by our units, the enemy shortened his lines and consolidated his defences. However, our units are carrying out frequent harassing attacks against the enemy airfields, thereby hindering enemy air operations.

A Nippon Base in the Central Pacific, Nov. 9 (Domei)—No major developments have taken place recently on the fighting lines on Pililiou Island, of the Palau Group, where a lull continues to prevail on the entire front, according to frontline dispatches reaching here today.

I.N.A. UNDER LEADERSHIP OF NETAJI WILL ACHIEVE FINAL VICTORY IN LIBERATION WAR

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Nippon Foreign Minister Assures All-Out Help In Freedom Struggle

Tokyo, November 8 (Domei)—Mamoru Shigemitsu, Foreign Minister and concurrently Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs, at a welcome banquet tonight in honour of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Free India, and his suite, held at his official residence, expressed his firm conviction that the Indian National Army under the leadership of Netaji will achieve ultimate victory. He also assured that Nippon, as often announced in the past, will render every possible assistance for the attainment of Indian independence.

Attending the banquet besides Netaji and his suite, which included Colonel A. C. Chatterji, State Minister, Colonel M. Kiani, Commander of the First Division of the I.N.A. and Lieutenant-Colonel Habidur Rahman, Vice-Chief of Staff, were Koki Hirota, former Premier, Viscount Keizo Shibuzawa, Governor of the Bank of Japan, Nobutsune Okuma, President of the Nippon-India Society and others.

Warmly welcoming Netaji at the outset of his speech, Foreign Minister Shigemitsu recalled that it was just one year ago that Netaji attended the historic Assembly of Greater East Asiatic Nations as an observer and made a moving speech setting forth his fervent desire to attain Indian independence and his unflinching determination to crush the inordinate ambitions of Britain and America.

Praising Netaji's determined efforts for Indian independence, Mr. Shigemitsu pointed out that Netaji, disliking the idea of serving as a watchdog of British imperialism, discarded his enviable post in the Indian Civil Service which promised luxury and influence, and joined the hazardous independence movement.

Continuing, he said: "Netaji Bose, knowing that the crafty British policy of divide and rule is backed up by armed oppression, has long been determined to use violence against violence. This is why he escaped from India and hoisted the flag of justice, taking advantage of the present world war." He said: "The recent appearance of the I.N.A. in the hilly districts on the Indo-Burmese frontier, being an event of world-wide significance, struck terror into the hearts of the British people."

"I am convinced", Mr. Shigemitsu declared, "that the I.N.A. will, with Divine help and under the vigorous leadership of Netaji, attain ultimate victory."

Br. Government Cajole Scientists To Dupe India

The British Government in England has staged yet another show of hypocritical sympathy for India. The delegation of Indian scientists who are now visiting England were used for an entertainnig questionnaire in the British House of Commons yesterday. These scientists who can express only such views as the British approve of have emphasised the development of agriculture as the foremost problem of India. Of course, the more food India produces as a slave nation, the better for the British race of exploiters.

On the same day in the British House of Commons, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, stressed the determination of the British to cling to the very death to India and other parts of their Empire. Attlee stated that when Churchill declared that it was not proposed to liquidate the British Empire, no part of the Empire was excluded from that declaration.

Meanwhile, according to a despatch from Colombo, the unofficial conference of the Ceylon State Council which was convened with the object of evolving a compromise constitution has now been dissolved; because, as the members have declared, the atmosphere is uncongenial for a settlement. As for India, for Ceylon too, no satisfactory constitution or Government can be set up so long as the Britishers hold the reins in their hands.

Nippon Air Arm Strikes Terror In Americans

Lisbon, November 8 (Domei)—General Henry H. Arnold, Commanding General of the United States Army Air Forces, speaking at Detroit, Michigan, tonight, indicated that Nippon's strong fighter force made up of the latest type of aircraft constitutes a formidable obstacle to America's invasion plans, according to a dispatch received here.

"Nipponese fighter production is as yet unchecked," General Arnold stressed. "The quicker we disrupt and destroy Nipponese plane production the fewer fighters our men will have to meet in the air."

General Arnold's statement is significant as it tends to disprove loudly-advertised anti-Axis claims concerning the superiority of American fighters, and at the same time indicates that American bomber pilots, especially, regard the Nipponese fighter as a serious menace.

A Nippon Base in Kitachishima, November 8 (Domei)—While the "Kamikaze" Special Attack Corps is wreaking havoc on the American task forces in Philippines waters with their "human torpedo" attacks, similar death-defying assaults are being carried out by the Nippon airmen defending Kitachishima.

In an air battle against five B-25's and four B-24's which raided Shimushu and Paramushiro on November 6, Sergeant-Major Iwao Narikiyo deliberately crashed his plane against a B-25. In the first instance Sergeant-Major Narikiyo opened up concentrated fire on the enemy plane but unfortunately he ran out of ammunition. Taking the only course open to bring down the enemy aircraft, he rammed the enemy plane with his own, both of which crashed into the sea.

Robot Bomb Attacks On America Possible

Zurich, November 8 (Domei)—The United States War and Navy Departments stated today that robot bomb attacks on the United States are "entirely possible" in connection with the continuance of flying-bomb attacks against Britain after the destruction of launching sites in France and elsewhere, according to a Washington report.

The statement expressed the opinion that these destructive rocket-propelled missiles might be launched by suicidal one-way bomber flights and from submarines.

Huge U.S. Casualties On Leyte Admitted

Lisbon, November 7 (Domei)—That the American forces on Leyte Island are being given a bitter taste of Nippon jungle fighting is indicated in a United Press dispatch from Washington today which reported that some American units were caught yesterday in a Nipponese trap.

The dispatch admitted that the Americans "suffered heavy casualties as the Nipponese encircled them."

Free Food To The Poor

The head of team B, Division, Section 1, Ward 3, has been distributing cooked food free to the poor at 10-1, Short Street, since Wednesday, for 3 days.

Iguchi Stresses Nippon's Superb War Objectives

Tokyo, November 7 (Domei)—Amplifying the statement issued by the Nippon Government on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Joint Declaration of Greater East Asiatic Nations, Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, in a statement declared that there are two significant points attached to the Government's statement because, firstly, it clarifies beyond doubt the fundamental differences between the war aims of Nippon and those of the United States and Britain, and secondly, it further amplifies the ideals embodied in the Joint Declaration of Greater East Asiatic Nations as it indicates the fundamental spirit of these nations to establish permanent peace to be extended throughout the world.

Mr. Iguchi said that when the Anglo-American camp was on the defensive it camouflaged its war aim with an array of such abstract terms as liberty and liberation. He added that since its so-called general offensive came to be realized its deception stands revealed, because the expulsion of Anglo-American influence and power from East Asia and the consequent liberation of the peoples of this region already realized one after another, left no people to be the objects of liberation by Britain and the United States. Pointing out that the Anglo-American counter-offensive is not one against Nippon alone but a new aggression against East Asia, he declared that thus the insatiable lust of the United States and Britain for world domination by sheer force of arms is discernible to everyone.

Continuing he said that in contrast to this sinister war aim, Nippon's war aim as embodied in the Joint Declaration of Greater East Asiatic Nations is not only the security or renaissance of East Asia alone but also the establishment of real peace with such a structure as will render possible and inevitable the mutual interchange of culture among all countries of the world. The Spokesman concluded, "In view of the above, Nippon's will to war against the Anglo-American enemies cannot but become stronger and stronger in the face of the violence of the United States and Britain which are bent upon preventing such a peace. When we consider the fact that Nippon's will to war and establish peace as expressed in the Government statement are, at the same time, the common will of all East Asian countries who are joined together by the Joint Declaration of Greater East Asiatic Nations, the significance of the statement becomes even more profound."

Germans Put Up Stiff Resistance Against Enemy

Lisbon, Nov. 8 (Domei)—The German High Command revealed for the first time that Germany's V-1 fire against the British Isles, which has been continuing since June 15 with brief interruptions, "has been intensified for some weeks past by the use of a second and far more effective explosive missile, V-2", as fresh heavy fighting was reported on the 60-kilometre-wide front between Metz and Luneville in eastern France. Berlin dispatches said that the anti-Axis forces launched early today an expected major offensive between Pont-a-Mousson and Chateau Salines after strong artillery preparations and heavy fighting flared up".

Anti-Axis reports indicated stiff German resistance against the thrust made by six American infantry divisions and a number of tank divisions supported by artillery, disclosing that the maximum gain made by the United States Third Army up to this afternoon amounted to only 2,000 metres. Heavy mud was said to be bogging down offensive operations. Bloody inconclusive fighting continued in the Huertzen forest area, the dispatches added. In Holland the bridgehead at Moerdijk was held against strong enemy tank attacks, the Berlin communique said. On the northernmost tip of Walcheren Island, in the Schelde estuary, German bases were succcssfully defended.

Before Budapest and north of the railway line of Szolnok, German tanks and grenadiers repulsed strong Soviet attacks, the German High Command announced. In the East Prussian frontier region, only local fighting was reported. In the Etruscan Appennines, central Italy, enemy attacks were intercepted in the midst of the main fighting field on the front north of Rocca Casciano by German infantry divisions, the Berlin communique said.

In the course of the American terror raids on south Germany yesterday, seven four-engined bombers were brought down by the Luftwaffe's flak, the German High Command revealed.

Penang Balika Sena Completes Training

Penang, Nov. 8 (Domei)—A group of 43 Indian girls between 12 and 18 years of age, constituting the first batch to have completed a special one-month training course of members of the Balika Sena in Malai graduated from the local Azad School on October 31. It is understood they are to become leaders of the young elements in their respective community and thereby help in the enhancement of the Indian Independence Movement.

Motive For Moyne's Assassination Revealed

Lisbon, Nov. 8 (Domei)—The two men arrested for the assassination in Cairo of Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister for the Middle East, today confessed that they were of Jewish birth and had come to Egypt expressly to murder Lord Moyne, according to a Cairo dispatch.

Moyne's assailants were reported to have declared that they killed Moyne because he was the head of the political department of the British Government in the Middle East and was carrying out a policy contrary to Jew national interests.

Appeal To Muslim Community For Funds

An appeal to members of the local Muslim community is made for financial aid to augment the Muslimin Trust Fund to carry on the philanthropic work of the Muslimin Trust Fund Association in the burial of poor Muslims who die in Hospitals, public thoroughfares and in homes.

The income from the Muslimin Trust Fund has been devoted for carrying on this social work for the past 30 years and, beside the burial work, the Fund also maintains seven mosques, one Muslim Boys' Orphanage and an Outdoor Dispensary for the welfare of the poor of all nationalities, it is revealed.

"In recent months the expenditure, particularly in respect to burying the dead, has increased manyfold and the fund available is insufficient to meet it. On some occasions lately voluntary donations were received to supplement the Fund. But the need is great and it is hoped that Muslims will give further voluntary help in this work which is an obligatory one from the religious and social point," says the circular letter issued by the Association.

Terrorists In Palestine Active; Train Derailed

Lisbon, November 8 (Domei)—A strong hint of sabotage by anti-British terrorists, who are at present carrying out widespread activities in Palestine, was contained in a Haifa message received here today reporting that 45 persons were either killed or injured when the Cairo-Haifa train ran off the rail near Chanyunis, north of the Sinia-Palestine border.

The dispatch described the railway accident as one of the worst in Palestine's history. The Palestinian authorities are understood to be conducting investigation to discover the cause for the train's derailment.

Further Donations To Frontline Soldiers' Fund

The following further donations to the I.N.A. Front Line Soldiers' Fund have been received by Col. J. K. Bhonsle, Chief of Staff, Azad Hind Fauj, through the I.I.L., Johore Branch:

Collected by Sri. J. Koil Pillai	...	$ 270.00
Sri. C. A. Raghavan	...	10.00
Segamat Sub-Branch	...	1,870.25
Labis Sub-Branch	...	467.00
Mersing L.A.C.	...	229.50
Kluang Sub-Branch	...	728.22
Muar Sub-Branch	...	2,252.00
Pontian L.A.C.	...	1,300.00
Batu Pahat Sub-Branch		1,255.90
Muar Sub-Branch	...	1,544.35
Tangkak Sub-Branch	...	1,880.00
Segamat Sub-Branch	...	1,487.83
Labis Sub-Branch	...	551.81
Kluang Sub-Branch	...	1,851.75
Pontian L.A.C.	...	500.00
Ceylonese Community of Malacca	...	150.00
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Ceylonese Community of Kedah	...	350.00
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S. O. Digbijai Singh (A.H.F.)	...	2.00
Naik G. M. Ambat (A.H.F.)	...	15.00
62380 Hav. Jaginder Singh (A.H.F.)	...	25.00
S. O. S. C. Basu (A.H.F.)		25.00

Roosevelt Re-elected President For 4th Term

Lisbon, November 8 (Domei)—President Roosevelt was re-elected to fourth term in Tuesday's election, scoring an overwhelming victory over Republican nominee Governor Thomas Dewey of New York, according to dispatches received here.

The returns from all but 37,215 of the country's 130,810 voting units pointed to Roosevelt's electoral margin over Dewey of 407 to 124 when only 266 votes were required for election. The popular vote at that stage was Roosevelt 18,991,320 and Dewey 16,642,651. Dewey conceded his defeat at 3.14 Eastern Wartime today and in a brief radio address at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City, where he listened to the returns, thanked his voters for their support and asked them to support Roosevelt for the next four years. Dewey also sent the usual congratulatory message to Roosevelt.

British Gas Plant Workers Go On Strike

Lisbon, November 8 (Domei)—The citizens of Manchester and Stockport, England, experienced a shortage of gas supply today when the workers of the cities' chief gas plants refused to return to their jobs after declaring a strike, according to a London dispatch.

Defying the penalty of imprisonment or a heavy fine, 75 of the 78 strikers of the Bradford Road gas plant in Manchester refused to continue work.

Troops were said to have been called out to take over the works and gas plants at Stockport, where shipworkers decided on a sympathy strike.

NOTICE

Indians and Ceylonese who have not submitted the declaration of their assets yet should do so on or before the 20th instant, failing which their assets will be estimated for assessing contributions payable to the Indian Independence Movement Fund.

Persons who have not received forms may get them from I.I.L. Syonan Branch, Waterloo Street.

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